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1. A covered apparatus comprising:
a body-supporting member defining a seating area;
a hood operably supported over the seating area for movement between a hiding position where the hood is located over and hides the seating area and an open position where the hood is moved to uncover the seating area; and
5 a link-and-bias mechanism operably connected to the hood to automatically move the hood toward the open position when a hunter removes his weight from the body-supporting member.
2. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein the body-supporting member comprises a seat.
3. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein the hood includes a flexible covering that is camouflaged and made of material suited for outdoor use.
4. The apparatus defined in claim 1, including a framework operably supporting the body-supporting member and the hood.
5. The apparatus defined in claim 4, including a base supporting the framework, the base including radially extending legs configured to stably support the body-supporting member and hood in a freestanding manner.
6. The apparatus defined in claim 4, including a link mechanism connecting the body-supporting member to the hood.
7. The apparatus defined in claim 6, wherein the body-supporting member comprises a seat configured and adapted to support a person's body weight.

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8. The apparatus defined in claim 6, wherein the framework includes tubular members defining an internal cavity and wherein the link mechanism includes a movable component located within the cavity of the framework.

9. The apparatus defined in claim 8, wherein the link mechanism includes a cable.

10. The apparatus defined in claim 8, including a latch on the framework that engages the link mechanism to hold the body-supporting member in a down position until a person rests his/her body on the body-supporting member, at which time the latch is released.

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11. The apparatus defined in claim 8, wherein the link mechanism is connected to a rear of seat.

12. The apparatus defined in claim 1, including a spring attached to the hood and biasing the hood toward the uncovered position.

13. The apparatus defined in claim 12, including framework operably supporting the body-supporting member and the hood, and including a latch on the framework holding the hood to the body-supporting member against a force of the spring, the latch being operably connected to the body-supporting member and configured to release when weight is removed from the body-supporting member.

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14. The apparatus defined in claim 13, wherein the spring comprises an elastic cord.

15. The apparatus defined in claim 13, including a second spring that can be selectively used individually or in combination with the first-mentioned spring.

16. The apparatus defined in claim 1, including a base supporting the body-supporting member and hood in a self-supporting upright manner, the base, hood, and body-supporting member being configured to fold into a compact portable package for easy carriage.

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17. The apparatus defined in claim 16, wherein the base includes a plurality of horizontally-oriented radially-extending tubes and includes a plurality of elongated rods shaped to telescope into the tubes, the rods each having an outer end configured to stably engage a ground surface when the rods are telescoped into the tubes, and having an inner end with a retainer thereon shaped to retain the rods to the tubes when the rods are telescoped out of the tubes but further permitting the rods to pivot to a vertical position against the base for compact storage.

18. A blind comprising:

a base;

an upright tubular frame supported on the base;

a seat supported on the base and the upright tubular frame;

a hood supported on the upright frame over the seat and that is movable between a hiding position where the hood is located over the seat and an open position where the hood is not located over the seat;

a latch attached to the upright tubular frame proximate the seat; and

a cable that extends at least in part through the tubular frame and that connects the hood to the latch.

19. The blind defined in claim 18, wherein the latch is operably connected to the seat.

20. The blind defined in claim 18, including a biasing spring attached to the hood and biasing the hood toward the open position.

21. The blind defined in claim 18, including a second biasing spring, the first-mentioned spring and the second spring being individually releasably attached so that the first-mentioned and second springs can be used singularly or together to bias the hood open at a selected speed.

22. A blind comprising:

a base including struts;

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- 5 a Z-shaped frame supported on the base and having a vertical bottom post, a vertical top post, and an offset section connecting the top and bottom posts, one of the top post, the bottom post, and the offset section including a releasable latch;
- a hood operably connected to and supported for movement on the top post; and
- a seat supported in a balanced position over the vertical bottom post and including a front section supported by the struts and a rear section supported by the base and connected to the releasable latch.

23. A blind comprising:

- a base;
- a hood operably supported by the base for movement between a hiding position over the base and an uncovered position revealing the base; the base including a plurality of horizontally-oriented radially-extending tubes with square cross sections and including a plurality of elongated rods with mating cross sections shaped to telescope into the tubes, the rods having an outer end configured to stably engage a ground surface when the rods are telescoped into the tubes.

24. The blind defined in claim 23, wherein the rods include first rods having a first kind of foot useful for engaging a first type of ground surface, and a second kind of foot useful for engaging a second type of ground surface, and a third kind of foot useful for engaging a third type of ground surface.

25. The blind defined in claim 24, wherein the first kind of foot includes a spike, the second kind of foot includes a panel.

26. The blind defined in claim 23, wherein the rods include square tubes shaped to mateably non-rotatably engage the radially-extending tubes.

27. The blind defined in claim 23, wherein the tubes have an inner end with a retainer thereon shaped to retain the rods to the tubes when the rods are telescoped out of the tubes but that further permits the rods to pivot to a vertical position against the base for compact storage.

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